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News of northern troubles has been slow in getting here. Now the people are hearing rumors. Ping's death (Admiral Fong) makes them anxious lest there be a renewal of village fights - and now there is one case up above Soan-Ou. Five Hundred soldiers have been sent from Kiu-chi who failed to awe the belligerents. So a Corps was being sent from Kieh-Yang.

Tuesday Nov. 3rd -

Lung-tung was married in the Chapel at 10.30 A.M. I performed the ceremony & Dr. A. offered prayer - The Chapel was decorated with flowers & scrolls & looked very pleasant. The

Bride is taller than Lang-Neng,²⁻
has grown wonderfully since she
was here in school 3 yrs ago.
He showed himself better than
any Chinese bridegroom I have yet
seen.

Mr called at Dr. Ash-
burns in the evening - their house
now quite settled very pleasant.
Wednesday Nov. 4th

Mr. Upcraft came upon the
"Haitan" - Mr. Field has very
agreeable: he gives an inter-
esting account at prayer-meeting
of the Sz-Chuan work of the coast
fields that are opening up there.
He looks very much like a
Chinaman & travels ala Chinese.
Got lodging supper & breakfast

in Hong Kong & Chinese passage³
to Swatow. For 2 65 / Regular
fare here first class is 7.50
He will be here some time - a week
or more probably.

Thursday Nov. 5th -

Mr. Ashmun J. led us en route
for the Island - the tide turned
earlier than we expected so we
are delayed & obliged to get a small
boat or walk a part of the way & ferry
across. The day is cooler than
the matter we have been having
of late. We did not get back
until after 3 o'clock - this
gave me opportunity to talk over
school & other matters with Mr. A.
I am very glad he takes the Baptist school.

Friday - Nov. 6 - 4 -

Last evening was went over to Dr. Scott's at Mr. Upcraft took tea with them; we had some music & games, a pleasant social evening. - This morning

Dr. Scott & the two young ladies set out; a fine day for a windy wind & tide so we hope they made good progress.

Mr. Upcraft & I went to Suatow. Leng Heng & Tsing Sing went with us & we had quite an audience at the chapel. I also did several sermons. Mr. U. took tiffin with us. We had a rather good

prayer-meeting to-night. Ben-hia^h one of Dr. Scott's patients spoke, the first time I ever heard him take any part in a meeting, & told of a friend he had induced to read the Bible

who had blinded & is a regular
attendant at "Gich-Sia" chapel. His
mother, brothers & relatives are stoutly
opposed & do their best to hinder
him but he stands firm against
them. so he asked prayers for him.

Saturday Nov. 7th

Mail per "Belgic" this evening
glad to get Mother's letter telling
of Mrs. Elders coming home.
Sorry not to get one from Father
too. but shall expect one by next
steamer. I have finished writing
some letters for the mail next
week & worked upon accounts be-
sides consulting with Dr. Ashmun &
seeing him off on the boat.
We are having perfect weather.
Are all well -

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Sunday Nov. 7th -

After breakfast Mr. Wescraft went with me to Swatow. I spoke at the early service on Abraham's faith. Told them of Wescraft's early experience - He was from an Episcopalian family baptized before he was 20. About 7 yrs ago he first went to Western China at the time of the French troubles was beaten, stoned, stripped & left for dead by a mob - Friendly Chinese helped him up & off & he got to Shanghai, went home to England & afterwards to the U. S.; was pastor in Minnesota when Dr. Ashmun issued those "Macedonian Bids" which were put in himself & Warner going to S. C. Chuan. He told the Chinese about their beginning work & in the last two years having a nucleus of

7 baptized believers. who meet 7-
every Saty evening for prayer for the
Swatan & Kings missions -

They were much pleased & exchanged
Christian salutations & requests for
prayer - He ret's to attend English
Service in Kaki-Chieh & remained
to speak at the open-door service,
when my had a large & attentive
crowd of hearers.

Sabbath School as usual at 2.30.

Monday 10-9-

Good morning - am going
to the Country at noon -
all are quite well -

Clara & babies all doing
well - The Fakka Mission
is to have a new man.

8 P.M. - on boat. I quite en-
joy seeing this boat as fresh
& clean remembering how badly
she looked the day of the ty-
phoon. There is still a little
smell of paint but not much.
We had a strong No. West wind
so tacked all the way to the
head of the bay. I have never
seen the bay so rough with a
westerly wind. Mullercraft has
a headache in consequence -

I have read a little of Stanley's
"Darker Africa". Since supper we
have talked on mission affairs.
Each of us got a good nap
which we needed - Saty night
I wrote till half past eleven.
I had a busy Sunday.

Tuesday Nov. 10th. 9-

Near Potters' home Kia'kung.

We reached Phai Thai by 8-15
A.M. made some purchases &
Mr. U. called a Chinese barber.
I watched the barber going
through his massage treatment, so
let him pummel & knead me
a little. It is rather good.

We came up on a Dr. A's boat
at noon. They were just returning
from a marching trip to the villages.
We dropped down to Han Li and
visited the preacher Chhai-tyi's
house. The new room he has as
a "place for prayer" - Dr. Han
was anxious that we visit his
place too so we came up with

the tide & walked over to his village, made a pleasant call, had opportunity to punch a little to his neighbors who crowded around the door as he came back. Dr. A. is not feeling quite well - Mr. Two has some headache it may be due to the fresh paint.

Mr. A. J. has been this evening talking over mission matters.

Wednesday - Nov. 11th -

Back home again. Last night I had a bad headache & was not fit for much of anything to-day. The smell of the new paint was bad in the boat & as it is cool so the windows must be shut that gives both

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This evening rec'd a note from
Dr. A. that he will not be here
till Monday asking me to take
charge of the class till he returns
also to provide for the Sunday
Services - Both he & Mr. A. Jr.
are very pleasant & cordial in
regard to the sharing of work.
It is a great pleasure & privilege to
be associated with two able
& experienced men who do not
seem to be anxious about their
own position or prestige -

Dr. Scott took tea & spent part of
the evening with us. which we
enjoyed. She has had very
favorable letters from Mrs. Bacon
about Miss Dr. Ross her expected col-
league.

Friday. Nov. 13th.

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I went to Swatow in the afternoon. Clara went to make some calls & Mrs. Dr. Ashmore with Mrs. W.A. Jr. went to do some shopping. After attending to a few business matters I went to look at the new boat Dr. Lyall is having built for their mission - it will be a good boat substantial well-finished.

Mr. Upercraft left us per S. S. "Tom Sui" for Shanghai. He went Chinese passage but had a small room below ^{on} the main deck where there was also an opium smoking native. Poor fellow I fear he had a bad night of it, as the ship was very light & the N.E. wind blew fiercely so the sea must have been rough.

We all like him very much - 14
& wish he could stay longer.

He looks as well in Chinese dress as any foreigner I have seen - & has learned the Chinese manners to perfection, which pleases the natives hugely.

Dr. Scott & Mrs. Dr. Ashmun took supper with us - which we enjoyed much
I went down to prayer-meeting a little while & then read in Stanley-

Dr. Lyall told me that Geo. Hillions, Capt W.'s son, is hired by the Chinese Steamboat Co. to have general oversight of their boats also that they are to survey a railroad to Chao Chow Jui! -

Saturday Nov. 16th

9 O.M. I have just been conferring with Tsing Sing, my quondam teacher, who preaches to-morrow - his text is Rom V. 1-4.

Mr. Ashman & I had planned going ¹⁵
to "Pi-Pi", but I hear Dr. A. plans
stopping there on his way back so we
decide to visit An-Pou if possible
& I must get to bed & brush for an
early start - ^{in the morning.} The mother is still de-
lightful. I was very well: the babies
are growing finely. Little John is de-
veloping well & looks strong & hearty, has
a fine appetite. Anna is plump
again & getting back a little color now
the weather is cool: that is most bene-
ficial: she looks very pretty when her
best. I when feeling well is full of
life & happy as can be, but she
is an April girl in disposition &
is not an easily governed child by
any means. Will need an immense

amount of discipline I fear. 16-
She has always seemed very fond
of her little "brullan," as she calls him,
but, of late, has developed a fondness for
teasing him: day before yesterday when the
nurse was out in her room she was
by his carriage & I heard a sputtering
went out & found she had picked off
some flower leaves & was feeding
him with them with infinite choquet.
I picked them out at once & picked
her up administering the most se-
vere reprimand she has yet received
at my hands; she wept bitterly & sought
consolation from the nurse, but before
long I heard her voice outside my
door ^{calling "Papa - Papa!"} & she was as good as cured be-
thereafter - She is talking very plainly
now both in Chinese & English. gains
in distinctness very much.

Sunday Nov. 15th 1891-^{17.}

We went to An-Poo Thada a very good heathen audience who listened quietly. After tiffin in the upper room above the chapel, we had worship with A-Mi' to visit his dwelling: his wife is a rather nice looking girl evidently is having a hard time with her heathen relatives. A man was there to collect fees due for heathen ceremonies he had performed for the soul of his (A-Mi's) mother-in-law at the request of the relatives. The woman seemingly died in the faith. We did not have very good opportunities to preach for this son of Belial wanted to argue: like Demetrius his craft was in danger.

Monday - Nov. 16th 18

I was at the class again this morning: Dr. Ashmun nt'd last night but is not feeling quite well. After class I had two consultations with him & with Mr. A. J. about the best course to pursue with the seceders at Kieh-Yang who are trying through Hsia-Hin to get back, & about plans for mission work.

My plan a trip soon. I want to visit my own stations before we go off on a series of evangelizing tours now in contemplation.

I had a very pleasant call with a Mr. Wilcox of Middletown Conn. who with his wife & married daughter are en route for Hong Kong. He knows Mr. Russell & some others at New Britain.

Tuesday Nov. 17th - 19-

To-day I went to Pié-à-Terre with Dr. Scott. to see about the chapel, what needs to be done before we can open a dispensary there. We had a perfect day for the trip - cool & cloudy & was fortunate in going & coming on the new boat so we could sit on the upper deck under the pilot's awning when it is cool & delightful.

At the chapel we found there is plenty of furniture & a little white-washing & a very little other work will make it all right for occupancy. Dr. S. will probably make fortnightly visits. A boat came in to-day &

reports all peaceful in the country. As the mason goes to Pié-à-Terre & attend to these repairs to-morrow -

Nov. 18th - Wednesday - 20 -

Prayer-meeting at Dr. Ashmun's
led by M. A. Jr. very good meeting.
Dr. A. gave an interesting report of a
lecture by Col. Potter at Yale, on the
European situation & its bearing on
Palestine & the future return of the
Jews. I am getting a few matters
settled preparatory to going away Friday.

There is a case of alleged persecu-
tion at Pao-Kia, a brother is said to
have been beaten. We shall send
two men to stop over 24 hours &
help them if they can consistently,
but not to use our authority. A case
of this kind came up a day or two
ago at Tho Phou-Chi.

Thursday - Nov. 19. 21.

Before 7 this morning Luig Heng
& Dang Seng were here to ask about
going to Don-Kia; they evidently did
not want to go said also they had
promised to have a further conference
in the Shô-Phoi case in which they
had been asked to help a settlement.
So the P.K. people were told to get
two men who are near by them to
assist them. I had agreed to
start for the island at 7 o'clock so I
cut a dish of oatmeal & had the rest of
my breakfast taken to the boat to be eaten
en route.

The house is quite re-
paired now - roof all on walls
built up. Ji-hoi went with me.
I had a very good talk with him
& the boatmen coming back.

Friday Nov. 20 - 9-20 P.M. ²²

On the boat again near "Gieh-Sia"
We had an ideally perfect trip
to-day. Good breeze & favorable tide
with no waves so the boat was on an
even keel & sped along finely.
I have been reading Stanley most of
the day. I am much interested in
his judgment of our skill in
dealing with them. We hoped for our mail
to-day & the signal for a steamer was up
once but lowered immediately. So
we come away without the letters that
reached Hongkong last Tuesday.
Dr. Scott is at "Kit Si" in the "Peace".
She was but a little behind us.
A small "head sail" has been put on
the "Peace" & she sails much better.
We left all well at home.

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Saturday Nov. 21st -

We reached Gũ-lou-thân by 7-30
A.M. I walked the last quarter of
a mile - met some Chinese by the
village gate but they were not in a
mood to hear much preaching, as
they were preparing an idol feast &
were to have a theatre during the day.

Later our man came along who said
his daughter was very ill, dysentery
& jaundiced, so I advised him to go
at once to Kieh-Yang & see Dr. Scott.

As we had no milk, I sent a man
to enquire of Dr. S. if there were any
cows on her boat or if it was to be
had in the city. I also sent letters
for Kieh Chieh. At 11.0 clock

We took a small boat for For-ai
& reached there at night fall - had
quite a large prayer meeting
at the chapel.

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Sunday Nov. 22nd -

7 P.M. on the boat which has
been our home since yesterday noon -
we rested very well last night & have
eaten 3 comfortable meals hereto-
day. We noticed by 8 o'clock
a great many people with lanterns
crossing the river. We find they are
dedicating a temple to-day & have
a ceremony they call "chhi' chhi'
("take water"). They go a long dis-
tance to get water bring it to the
temple. Then are one or two "medi-
ums" who get into an ecstatic state
cut their tongues & let the blood
fall on pieces of paper on which
they have written the name of the
god whose temple is dedicated.
This is called a "hü" - & is burned
with fire & the ashes are put in

to the water rock can take 25
a little home, for the family to
have a taste the remainder being
poured into the well so the water
may be "peace-ful" or "peace giving".

We had a chapel full of people
about 50 - perhaps more. & good services.

While in the midst of the morning
service the procession passed by to
"get ~~water~~^{tea}" - a line of men & boys
with small lanterns preceded &
then came half a score or more of
large lanterns on poles - men bear-
ing one each over the shoulder -
then came two men with red
sleeved coats (apparently trousers
of the same) one with a sort of
fag on his head & something
like a pipe in his mouth - rolling
his head wildly about - behind

the chairs on which these men ^{26.}
were carried marched ten or twelve
men dressed in long robes with
fans in their hands and official
hats surmounted by metal buttons
on their heads. (The graduates
{military} have a silver button; but
{literary} the lower distinction, which are
either bought, or granted because
of poor family or scholarship,
are denoted by a brass button.)

9.25 a.m. Monday Nov. 23rd.

On the boat approaching "Lo. Soa"
we had a good night's rest on the
boat started down at 6 o'clock.
- Last evening we were at the chuk-
el & learned more definitely about
the 'getting water + 'getting tea'.
It seems that a pupil of the
Lau Di's medium says - "Where shall

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We get tea? - He answers
with the name of some man of
wealth or influence or perhaps of a
shop. The pupil then goes & tells
the person named who sets out
10 or more canisters all empty
but one. When the procession
such as we saw yesterday, reaches
his house, the medium (interpreter
of the god) goes in & takes a canister
at random: if he gets the full
one the owner declares the god
to be mighty & giving wonderful proof
of his divinity - this ^{news} he spreads far
& wide: if the medium gets an
Empty Can, the householder says
"yes, that is good, but this (offering
the one filled with tea) is better" -
He says nothing about this to his neighbor

To "get water" - they say the ²⁸
medium indicates some man of note
who is delighted to trot off with
two pails & carrying pole "get
water" - from a stream - This is
made besides the ceremony of
which I wrote yesterday. Many
men see through these tricks.

My teacher tells of a man near
Kau. Hain who had heard a little
of the Christian doctrine & used to
talk with him about it. He was
asked by the god through the me-
dium to "get water" & declined
owing to press of business. But
the request was urgent. So he wrote
a letter to the god & secretly put
it in a bowl for receiving income
before the god's image. Later
in the day the god through his

medium began to talk with 29
him again he said - "Ah - I wrote
you a letter did not you read it?"

"No" - "Then if you did not
get read my letter I put before
you I will not 'get water' for
you."

The Chinese Christians fully
believe these mediums to be possessed
by a demon. I asked an old man
yesterday again about it he said

Certainly he was ruled by one over
20 yrs & did not act of his own
free will. I was quite nonplussed

by a young man's coming to me
after early service & asking if I
had any medicine for "no-ku"
which is a common designation of
Satan means a malignant spirit.

I thought I must have misunderstood

him, but he repeated his question ³⁰
& insisted that ^{he} has been plagued
by our for some time & was very
anxious to get rid of it. He was
recommended to pray & said he had
learned "a few phrases" - He seemed
very much in earnest.

It was a pleasant feature of the
congregation yesterday that about
half of them are not church mem-
bers - 15 or 16 of them having begun
to attend within a year - After Com-
munion we made several calls out
on the "Sin-Chai" (literary graduate
of the first degree - B.A. the C.S. M.,
& other British missionaries call them),
who has become a believer. He is
a young man & quite pleasant tho

a little dignified & distant. He at ³¹⁻
first talked about flying machines,
all sorts of Western inventions but
later about "the doctrine". He said, "When
foreign fire-boats (steamships) came they
were better than junk & everybody liked
them: ~~so~~ foreign oil came & men
preferred it to native: foreign (white)
cloth came & they liked it better for
clothing: foreign needles came & were
used rather than native: but this
foreign doctrine is hard to introduce,
it goes against the man-heart."

He also said about prayer. "Many
say the doctrine is like our own
praying is like prayers to the gods
in our temples: but it is not.
men men "you god, don't govern
my heart, give me my way, let me
get rich. but praying to God

a man must confess his sins ³²
& be humble". a suggestive remark.

In the evening several heathen
were in the chapel my teacher
harangued them at length: one an
elderly man with an English felt hat
(he had been to Singapore) looked
steadily at him & seemed to take in
the truth. 7-40 P.M. We had

a pleasant trip down by Tek-Kie on
the cross stream - called at Sam-Chui's
house when we met a young man
who has recently believed & who with
J. Chui's relative Ah-Bu. expects to
apply for baptism next Communion.
He is an uncommonly pleasant-
faced young man & is of good re-
port among the brethren. A lot of
children flocked in to whom Ling-Heng

† Tsing-Seing talked nearly half an ³³
hour: they listened very well.

We are now moved over near Tsing-
Pai, where the two young men are
staying the night & where we plan
to call to-morrow -

Tuesday Nov. 24th 6 P.M.

Near Hon. Lung (near Pe-Ning) city.

We had a pleasant visit at
Tsing-Pai: the upper-room that
has been cleaned & whitewashed is
a neat & comfortable place.
The "lord of the house" is a well-ap-
pearing young farmer who with
another man seems to have quite
identified themselves as a believers
in "the doctrine" - tho' we cannot
say how much they have yet appre-

headed of Spiritual Truth: it 324
is no little that they give up idols
& are ready to have a church in their
own house. There are six from E-Bue
another village who come quite regular
ly but they had some land affair
so we need to be very circumspect
in dealing with them. It is good
for them to come read the Scriptures
anyway, nor hope they may get
their difficulty settled and become
genuine believers. The principal
man of the village came in & listened
to enough truth to see him if he
will believe it. He made anxious
inquiries about the possibility of
breaking off the use of opium on which
subject we talked to him as usqually
as we could. Several others came

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I sat for a time; our 'young man'
had cloven feet & hands too - the
feet divided up to the instep & the
hands up above what should have
been the knuckles.

We had a fair wind & came up
here easily by 4 o'clock. We took
a walk out toward the city & Mr. A.
preached a little while to some men
by the way but they did not want
to hear very much.

Wednesday Jan. 2^{5th} 7.40 P.M.

Very happy in receiving our mail.
Good letters from father & mother
both from Ed. too, & Mr. Partridge
all with congratulations, as also from
Mr. Coleman. I had several busi-
ness letters & Clara sent me beside
8 pages from herself. letters she

rec'd from home & from the ³⁶
young ladies at Chung hui, where
they are having a profitable & pleas-
ant stay, so I am only just through
reading my mail. Mr. A. Jr. had me
his letter from Mrs. Partridge & Mrs
had an interesting call from Dr.
Ashmun. He & Mrs. A. just reached here
this afternoon late having been on
the way since yesterday a.m. - All are
well at Kak-Chieh. Ed. Scott & Mr.
Campbell returned Sunday. Dr. Scott
rec'd word from me at Kit-Lin so
the man must have gotten the medi-
cine for his daughter.

We have had a good day,
went to Chung hui. Long Sun's vil-
lage had some excellent oppor-
tunities for preaching. His wife seems
very well disposed & Mr. A. said he met

one old woman who said ³⁷
the doctor "entered her ears" & she
was not going to worship the idols
any more. In the afternoon I went
to the city & had a pleasant visit at
Ling-Sun's brother's dye-shop. His mother
& brother were at first very violent in
abusing him for not worshipping with
them - but now they are friendly & the
no. 3 brother told me he had made
up his mind to worship God & wants
to visit at Kato-Chieh. We had a
call in the shop from a well-to-do
merchant who listened to us & accepted
a book & leaflet. A Chinese doctor
trained in the Swatow hospital called
& invited us to his little shop - also
conducted us to Admiral Fong's place
& it was well worth seeing - His
son has built a village or square
of houses 450 x 300 ft all walled in

& substantially built. There are
 fully three streets & the houses are
 highly ornamented with paintings
 of historical scenes & on either half
 the door before the principal houses
 was the drawing in colors of a huge
 military mandarin, the god of the
 door who guards the house.

The hall for ancestral worship is
 really magnificent & fronts a court
 about 280 x 60 ft paved with
 smooth concrete of lime & sand.

There are two courts with rooms
 between furnished with ebony chairs
 & tables. At the back is a
 room entered through folding doors
 or rather a series of double doors
 Each ^{single door} about 3 ft wide. The upper
 part of which is open work &
 the lower a beautiful panel of
 black & gold - black lacquer

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9 gold drawings landscapes, beautifully done tho' with the usual tea-chest-drawing perspective.

Within was stored a lot of sedan chairs & there was a fine stand almost diamond-shaped some 9 ft long by 5 ft high elaborately carved finished also in black gold. a stand for burning incense to be placed before a magnificent great cabinet also black gold in which will rest the ancestral tablets. The doors of this cabinet each about $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft wide by 9 ft high & 3 inches thick are a marvel of delicate carving especially the inner sides. All about the doors & the cabinet itself are lines of beautifully carved work. Some lions,

Some human figures much ⁴⁰
fit flowers with grass hoppers
locusts rather ^{insects} ~~locusts~~ upon them,
all covered with gold. More than
two men have been at work upon it
& it has taken years to finish it, I
understand. He also walked through
the other parts of the settlement once
ruled by the "great man", now gone
the way which he compelled so
many thousands to travel against
their will.

Thursday Nov. 26 - 6 P.M.

Thanksgiving day - We walked over
again to see the new village with
Dr. & Mrs. A. - took a good look at
a pair of turkeys near the Ancestral
Hall, they being appropriate to the
day - We also looked more carefully

at the carved work. at one
portal is a beautiful fringe of
Carved Camphor wood about a foot
in width. color like rose-wood - ^{high}



I should say 2 ft wide 10 ft
all in 3 pieces - 600 day-work! -

The cabinet seen yesterday represents
7000 day-work. cost 10000 -
It is higher than I thought - the
doors 15 ft certainly.

We afterward took a walk to
the city & attracted great crowds.

But generally good-natured. We stopped
& proached at a few places.

I gave a leaflet to a man & a great
number wanted to buy them & began
to snatch them. I could have sold 50
if I had brought them.

We took Thanksgiving dinner
with Dr. & Mrs. Ashmore

had a nice dinner. priced 42
Chicken potatoes, beans & turnips, rice,
bread, pudding, stewed pears,
Coffee, fruit -

After half an hour's waiting, during
which time I rearranged my baggage
for to-morrow's trip, we all set out
for two villages about a mile away,
where we had very good attention
from the people - Coming back
we talked with Jong Sun about rent-
ing a house at the city to serve as a
stopping place for mules.

There are one or two believers
hereabouts & it is a central point.
He thinks a horse can be secured
for 7 or 8 per year & it is to look
about to-morrow. then report to Mr.
& Mr. Ashmun.

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Friday - Nov. 27th 6.35 P.M.

Sitting on the bed at Kau Tsan chapel (near Kho Leng on road S. east of Pu-tung). The burden carriers did not come till after eight o'clock which gave me time to finish another letter. Mr. Ashmore took a picture of us as we were ready to set out, 3 coolies, cook & myself. one of the braves would not be "took" - said he was not "dressed up" & would not have his picture taken as a coolie. He used to be a gunner in Admiral Kong's employ. I quite enjoyed the walk, a little over 5 miles in the forenoon & about the same after 2 P.M. At the district city an old man was very cordial inviting us to

to come in admik tea. He is ⁴⁴
a man who believes in the doctrine
& knows the idols are false - but
is "afraid to walk" - ^{is fond of fighting}
birds to I hear. At Hwa-Low

I took a lunch, after visiting the
Christians, in the room where Tang-Sung
father died. We had our very good
opportunity to talk with a woman who
is trying to find peace by being a
Vegetarian & worshipping Buddha.

The young woman who was a medium
when husband seem to be faithful. He
took his little boy in one basket
& Tang Sing's little boy in another
balanced them over his shoulder on a
carrying pole & walked over 5 miles
to meeting last Sunday. T. S.'s little
boy is quite bright. I talked with

him a little & asked him to ⁴⁵
repeat what he had learned. He said
a few words & stopped. Lung Hung asked
him why he said, "After I take a bath
I repeat (from the) book: then go to bed.
I have not yet had a bath" - which
was truly Chinese in adhering to custom.

He made a call on the boy Su of whom
I wrote last February. He is a nice
little fellow. We have had prayer-
meeting this evening.

Saturday Nov. 28. 7:40 P.M.

I have been at the chapel nearly all
day. There is a very disagreeable
case of an old man who helped
get a man into the church
who ought not to have been in
there since been dismissed - I did
what I could to get the case

settled & this old man got #6-
very angry & has been making
such a fuss that something must
be done to put a stop it. I told
them if he was not quieted that
no outside missionaries, no preacher
nor Bible-Woman would come near
this chapel. To-day the 3 preachers
& 2 brethren from here met to see
the Cantankerous party & labored
with him. they think with some
effect: to-morrow we shall see.

I wrote a long letter to Jenks of
the middle class Newton who first
wrote me about the Pawtucket
Chinese S. School - I had an excellent
opportunity to preach to a young man
who came in to watch me write that
for an hour or two. Walking out
this evening too, I met two men who listened.

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Sunday. Nov. 29th - 5 P.M.

The day has passed serenely. the old man was here but did not make any disturbance. There has been a good attendance for this place several coming from a goodly distance. One old man 70 yrs. old wants to go & read more in the class. Pang-ling a wet, who used to look after his little boy was in the "Woman's" class, was here with two women & a man whom she has led to believe. She seems a faithful soul & wants to read in the class again.

Two brothers who were not on speaking terms now are somewhat reconciled - two nephews of theirs are regular worshippers. They seem like good promising boys.

Monday Nov. 30. 7.40 P.M. 48

At Hiep Swan Phai Chabel 4 miles
from Kieu-Sui. We walked
from Nam-Han to-day - reached
Buah-Chieh-Khe at 1 P.M.
some 10 1/2 miles including quite a
high pass over the mountains.
At a village on the other side I
met a young man with whom I
talked on the steamer going to Kieh-
Yang last summer. He remembered
me & about all we talked of I judge.
Several others came out including
a man of good appearance between
40 & 50 yrs of age, but with long
twisted finger nails. They listened
some time & I gave my quondam
acquaintance a copy of our Quarters
Report.

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At Buah-Chih-Khe" I had a
very cordial reception & a rather
pleasant visit. A. Khan, who is
now Dr. Scott's nurse, is at home for
a few days. Her mother has died
within a few days. I called to see
a young school-teacher whom we met
2 yrs ago as a brother, last year as
a Presbyterian. Now is sick in bed a
pale pitiable object, nearly gone
with Consumption. I am sorry to hear
the poor fellow was tempted by his
literary friends to worship at the
Cheng-meng festival last Spring.
We had prayer at the house & he
heard some words of Exhortation.
We reached this place a little be-
fore five o'clock - about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
I expect to sleep well to-night.

I got some valuable hints from ^{50.}
A-Không about the Kan-Kain matter
& am fully convinced that the members
were more than half in sympathy
with the old party & that my
course was the effective one. I
show them the true state of the case
& tell them if they did not stop the
trouble no helpers would come near
them. I think they will come to be
reasonable.

I had several very good lectures
outside the chapel here this evening.

Tuesday - Dec 1st -
6.2 P.M.

Boat Race again.

This forenoon we went out on
pastoral visits & were cordially
received - several from this vicinity
will probably apply for baptism

at the next Communion -

We had some very good opportunities to preach. At King's a long Expose of idolatry at our place we talked 15 or 20 minutes to a large peacefully quiet man, the school-teacher, who came & stood in his doorway - a man over 50 - he listened quite well & took two leaflets. As we left our sister said, "He is like Paul; he used to be the chief trouble for believers in compelling us to pay for idol ceremonies. May the Lord change his heart as He did Paul's"

I took a nap after dinner then we walked over here, called at the Chapel & now I am enjoying the quiet & comfort of the boat, well named 'Peace' - am going back on a mission to Clam's after that came with the boat & send a man to Kalkich -

8.30 P.M. I have been up to the 52
Chapel for evening worship. The bin
Wisters are quite exercised because
some brickbats have been thrown
at the boat the past two nights.
They think it best to inform the local
official lest the roudies get too
obstrepous - A boat has been called
I plan going to Chuih Lian via
Kam-Deⁿ to-morrow early.
Wednesday Dec 2nd -

- I got a little chilled yesterday
coming into the East wind while
warm from walking & had a slight
attack of bowel trouble so it seemed
best to keep quiet to-day. I sent
the steersman to Koi-Khoi for A-Toan
& A-Kue to come up. shall read & write
letters most of the day.

5.25 P.M.

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The steersman is back from Koi-Khoi with letters from Clara & mail rec'd to that date. all well & cheerful to that date. I am feeling much

better. the keeping quiet was the one thing most needed. I have written Dr. Gordon, a lengthy epistle about some features of the work & had a little besides resting.

The two bin Koi-Koi & A-Khing took my card & went to see the official but he was not in. the door-keeper told them to see the "village elders" which I told them was the best thing to do & they ^{the mess present} Mr. Bell rec'd - he said he would see that no more stones were thrown at the boat. After the messenger comes to-morrow we plan going to Chui-Khai.

Thursday Dec. 3rd 6 P.M. ^{5-4.}

This morning after waiting vainly
for the messenger to return from
K.C. we set out for Tram Su in
a little boat & called there on
the two bro. who live by
dyeing. They rec'd us cordially &
over the de. of the church here at
Kai Su, walked fully a mile
with us. We had a rather pleas-
ant visit at Chiah-Lian.
- Home mail & letter from
Clara just here, must open
Wed - An hour later -

Good letters from Father & Mother
also from Geo. Bontelles & the an-
nouncement of his marriage as well.

(Over)

Monday, Dec 7. Saturday night another messenger from John came with some letters for the mail. The "Oceanic" leaves Hongkong tomorrow. We are hoping a steamer will leave here today to take some letters on hand down. Tomorrow morning I hope to see John again after an 18 days absence. Our longest separation I think.

We were all much shocked this morning to learn of Mr Sages sudden death during the night. There have been so many during the past year in this Port, that it does seem as if the people here would be made to think seriously of their own relations to God & the hereafter. John asked me to enclose the two letters herein to you. We have had three or four very cold days. We found it hard work to keep warm. Had fire in the nursery. Today is decidedly milder. Both Sabies & myself have a slight cold. Disagreeable but not serious. John was well & enjoying much the trip. With much love daughter & children

Clara writes that I mis- 53-
numbered the journal - Confused by
the typhoon perhaps - Clara writes
that Miss Dunwiddie got back yes-
terday. Mr. Ashmun is expected to-
day - It seems settled I infer that

a railroad is to be built to Chao-
chow-hi's steamer to run as far
as Sam. Ho. Pa. - in to be built
at either place - I hope that
means an opening for Edw. Scott.

This has been a strange day -
very warm in the morning - I had
on a tennis shirt (light flannel) &
a thin sack coat yet was very
warm walking - We started back
at 3 P.M. with a high wind
blowing - a vest was comfortable

On the boat I put on an overcoat, ⁵⁶
& wrapped myself up in the large
double blanket I bought at White,
yet was chilly - the wind blew
fiercely, sometimes the little boat
could not make headway till a man
got out & walked near the bank drag-
ging it along; bamboos I saw, tall
ones, bowed down to an angle of 45° -

I am sitting now with my overcoat
on - We expect to drop downstream
to-morrow -

Friday, Nov. 4th 11 a.m.

Going up the branch stream to Li-
Be-Phon. I called on a Thong at
Kang-sai. & have talked an hour
or more to the men who were sum-
ming themselves outside the wall
protected from the wind, which is

From the north & chilling - 57

Taken all in all it was a good audience: Considerable asking of irrelevant questions & snickering but a goodly number listened and asked questions that opened up the marrow of the Gospel - Anyway they have heard truth enough to save them & heard some difficulties explained away. Yesterday we did

not do much preaching but A. Kling talked to two women at the chapel who asked about a lot of wild stories they had heard, including the story legend of cutting out the heart veins for medicine & a story about a man & woman coming from elsewhere & murdering a young woman a few miles from here taking her head & heart away in a basket. All which the

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Elder met, also another yarn
about a man who had a daughter
9 yrs old who "khiat chò nō" "kūi"
i.e. 'spring to be two persons' -

It seems there is a Chiu Tang Phoi
van Ê Tang Phoi, 'Upper' & 'Lower'
like Newton-Halls. A man of
the former village let his 9 yr old girl
go on a visit; on her way back she asked
the way of a man in the field, said she
wanted to go to Tang Phoi: "all right
I live at Tang Phoi" & off he led her
to his house in Ê Tang Phoi, where ^{he} had
also a daughter 9 yrs old, thinking he
might have a daughter-in-law perhaps -

The other man soon began to think
it strange the little girl was away so long
& sent to see about her; in a little time
he heard that some man at the
other village had a daughter doubled,
so he went back & lo! his daughter -
The man explained he met the girl

when she had lost her way & led her ^{59.}
home to find her being abducted.
Accordingly the anxious father, being
a prudent man evidently, thanked the
man of Lower Tang Ho in most profound
led his daughter back home & prepared
a large bundle of cakes & other edibles
to give his daughter's benefactor.

Fortunately A-Khing had just heard
this from A-Poan the night before.

This growth of stories the Chinese
call - "Chik-hieh Khui chek hieh".

"One leaf opening (or sending out) one leaf" -
which is not a bad figure for the
reproduction & increase of which reports
are capable. I rec'd by this mail

Bill of lading for hardware shipped
from New York by Russell & Erwin -
hope they will get here in another month.

5:40 P.M. Just back from 60

a visiting trip, called at 4 different villages & saw several of the old sisters, a faithful few. our 83 yo. old but "spry" led us about. We passed our place where 5 theatre stands were setup. row in full blast. Such a crowd, mostly youngsters, as followed to see the greatest novelty of a foreigner. We managed to keep them within bounds - but the door of the house where we stopped I had an audience of 30 or more who listened pretty well. one at least seemed really interested. I told them the story of Juss-Sinn, who joined Clasudon St Church. I also had a chat with a man at the door of an Ancestral Temple -

} aim to then if
going down
to see I saw this -

Saturday. Dec 5/91 - 9 P.M. ⁶¹⁻

At Koi-Khoi chapel. This ~~has~~
~~been~~, it seems to have been the
coldest day I have experienced in
China, taking the day as a whole.

In going to Ren-Khai I passed
some places where there had evi-
dently been frost. The air has
been chilling all day. I have
ridden 12 or 14 miles in a
chair I had my heavy double
blanket around me, yet coming
here against a No. East wind
I was quite cold. It has not
been a cheering day I am sorry
to say - tho' I am glad to find

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that A-Toan & the new-bitten
here are planning to leave for
Hui-Lai next week - Unfortunately

I got myself into a conversation
on the old Chiu Huang Chia case
that brought out some strong
expressions of opinion from
the brethren & compelled me to
assert strongly my position
that we will not take cases to the
Consul. - Sunday Dec 6 -

This morning the bin took
charge of their service as they usual-
ly do & did very well -
Gek-Hang the carpenter for -

sided & also spoke from
John III:1-5 said some very
good things. I am, an old
preacher, spoke on Heb. IX:19-25.
He has had training & experience
so speaks better, but I do
not think he stands as high
in the estimation of the people as
his words do not as much
might as those of the other
man, the, too, is well used
in the Scripture. I was much
interested & edified in hearing
him give pastoral advice to
the brother who has this year
become a believer who invited
me to call at his house after
morning service.

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Gek-Langs advice, warnings
encouragement, largely scriptur-
al, was well chosen & showed
a sound theology that he had
gotten from the Bible.

This P. M. we had Communion.
I spoke on Gen. XVIII: 18 sq.
also John III: 6 & Rom VIII: 4 sq.
There are 40 or 50 children of
church-members whom they rejoice
over & I told them about the
Jukes family & the Gulick fami-
ly by way of contrast, also urged
upon them ^{the} need of conversion;
simply not worshipping idols
is not sufficient. I had a
pleasant chat with them
again after Communion.

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had a chance pleasantly
to restate our lack of confi-
dence in the Chhin Huang Tia
people; also told them of Mr.
Gibson's experience with the Vice
Roy, Li Hung Chang's bro. in
the correspondence about pleurosis.
I walked over to Chhau-tue-via,
& called on the potters, one of
whom insisted on walking back
with me - This time I
hear of a great many reports
of foreigners hiring Chhinamen
to poison people so as to
get their hearts & eyes for medi-
cine - even men who have been
cured at the hospital will say yes they have seen it

Monday Dec 17th 7:40 P.M. 66

A little below Hsia-Ping bridge
now until the tide shall turn when
we expect to move on to Chao-Yang
pass through the canal & to Kak-Chieh.
I left the Chapel with A-Toan at about
8 o'clock & called on some believers
at Tang-Toa-Pi a neighboring village.
We stopped & talked to a crowd of hearth a little.
A mile or two beyond we met the
boatman who had come up after my
bedding & other luggage, so A-Toan
went back. I enjoyed the walk -
have been writing letters about all
the time excepting meal times an
hour or so & a little walk in short -
I wrote among others to Mrs. Watkins
whose son is at College. I hope
he will do well. For the sake of his
mother & sisters as well as himself -

We have made rather slow 67-
progress to-day. I saw several
processions of people going to in-
vite a goddess to their villoge-
One must have stretched out over ^{half}
a mile, at least. There were several
gay sedans ~~and~~ people on
ponies, a score at least with gay-
colored trousers & long gowns, then
a long, long file of people with
straw hats most of them with some
high colored article of dress - scores
of them carrying banners, red-
crimson, blue, white, green ^{or} yellow,
with large characters embroide-
red upon them usually in black.
They were 2 or 3 yards long & fully

a yard in width, I should say four⁶⁸
feet. They seemed to be of some
heavy woollen stuff like felt &
were hung lengthwise on the poles
so as to hang out full. When
crossing the stream 8 or 9 of them
were in a boat & as they stood the
poles upright & the banners drooped
down, with the gilded tips above
they made a picturesque sight.

It seems they want the "Lön-Kug
Má" - or "Thim-Hôn Siä Bö" (Heavenly

Queen Holy-mother - some that sound
as if it might have come from Rome?)
as she is called, to come & dwell
in their village: so, having before
posted up notices to that effect
in other villages that their towns

disturbance made by objectors, by
they now go to "chia" ("invite")
& escort her majesty to their village.

Yesterday, too, there was a procession.
I noticed two long-gowned fellows
standing on shore smoking foreign
cigars, thus does Western civilization
help to enlighten & uplift the Oriental
mind. 10 o'clock - Bak-Rui

Came in just I was getting up to
undress for bed saying that he
had just heard of a strange af-
fair - about the poisoning of
children by some men from the
North who had been caught & con-
fessed that foreigners had heard
them - Now they saw me come &

Concluded I was in the 70
plot. & word had come to him
that we better move away - lest
there be trouble, because there ^{may} be
trouble for the whole region is
mightily stirred up about it.

Bak-Kui's village is just a little
distance back at the foot of the hills,
in fact we stopped here partly to ac-
commodate him. His father &
other relatives came down to tell
him. So we are on the move
again rather against the steersman's
will. I hope we may pass
through the canal to-night
because there might be trouble
made for the boatmen if he
should be here some day or two
longer.

I presume this is another 71-
move by Human towards driving
out the foreigners. It is a Jewish
scheme. They know that foreign
hospitals are popular so they
got up this story about the "hearts &
eyes". Now they send these ruffians
down here, whether or not they have
killed children they do succeed in
throwing suspicion on the foreigners -

Well, there is nothing to do but
go on & trust in the Lord for help.

This morning I read the 71st Psalm
& was specially impressed with David's
prayer. "Be thou my strong habi-
tation whereunto I may continually
resort" - the words have often
recurred to me during the day.

Tuesday morning Dec 8th 72

Cloudy & mild - We are within
five miles of home. By about one
we got to the creek on the other
side of Chao-Yang & after no
little search they found the chan-
nel, it being below half-tide,
& had just enough water to
get in. With much bumping
& rubbing & thumping we got to
this side of the city by five. I
got quite a fair amount of sleep,
broken of course but refreshing.

8-10 P.M. -

at the study table again - have
been quite busy to-day - wrote to
the two Consuls about the state of
things in Chao Yang -

Mr. & Mrs. Campbell were here ⁴³⁻
at tiffin. All an mill here can
a few colds -

Anna was delighted to see me.
I met Clara down by the preacher's
house & when we came in Anna
was with the coach. She hung round
me all the morning. Little John
has been growing finely & looks
much better in health - Clara
seems very well - for all of which
I am very thankful.

Wednesday, Dec. 9th -

Just through talking with Kim-
Kek who come down from
Kui. Si where some fellows
threw stones at the chapel
night before last. I send in

a copy of the Vice Roy's proclama²⁴
tion & a card to give the magy
istrate if he is at home.

We had a good prayer-meeting
to-night. It was the day for the
Union-meeting but the bay was
rough & we could not get a boat.

I had quite a long conference
with Dr. & Mr. Ashmore this A.M.
about various things on which I
had taken notes while away.

Thursday Dec 10/91

We manage to keep busy about
something or other yet don't
seem to accomplish much.

Mr. Stuck was over in the after-
noon to ask a little more par-
ticularly about the reports in
the country. I saw Mr. Frater

also while at the Consulate ⁷⁵
to buy stamps - He telegraphed to
the Vice-Roy Wednesday & got a
reply in three hours; that worthy
promising to inform the Tān-Tāi
& District Magistrate of the rumors
& order investigation. but adding

"Such reports are frequently spread
about in China & I hope the Consuls
will ^{not} be unduly anxious about it."
which quite incensed Mr. Trater.

Mr. Strick had not yet rec'd
a reply from the Tān-Tāi. He
asked if I thought this present
evil report was raised to prejudice
the people against foreigners
I said certainly I did not
regard it. He said he thinks
even the educated Chinese

believe the story about "cutting 76
out hearts & digging out eye-balls"
for foreign medicine.

No one invited to take tea with
Dr. & Mrs. Ashmun, had a very pleas-
ant time. Their house is fitted
up beautifully in excellent taste.

Friday Dec 11th -

I went out to the "Smith" this
morning with Dr. & Miss Scott &
Miss Sunwiddie, but no new mis-
sionaries were on board.

Mr. Eaton with a Dr. & Mrs. Toy
& Miss Bates Presbyterians, all
for Bangkok, are here over night.

We had a good prayer-meeting to-
night. Song-Sun is back & says
we can rent a shop of a very prominent
man for 5000 cash. It is near
his brother's shop & we need not hire a watchman.

Mr. Strick said Thursday that 77
two beggars poisoned a child in
Chao Jung & that is the groundwork of all
these stories -

Saturday - Dec. 12th.

Off for the steamer at 7 o'clock. Saw
a lady in an ulster & cloth hat standing
on deck, who waved her handkerchiefs
to us. She proved to be Dr. Alice M.
Ross - seems to be a very sensible
young woman.

Mr. Brodt also ap-
peared a little later. He is a heav-
ily built man with rather light
brown hair & sandy goatee or
rather chin-whiskers - is a social
pleasant man - He is an old
friend of Mr. Campbells - was
with him when C. was converted
a sort of "spiritual father" - & now
C. has been the means of his
coming to the missionary field.

They took breakfast with us. also 78-
m. Eaton, 3 large men.

The day was quite broken up for
us - Anna ran away to find her
"mãnia" at about 4 o'clock - went
clear down to Mrs. Urquhart's - as
far as from our house in N. to the
foot of Union St & down a steeper
hill - she took her sun-hat & trotted
off. The nurse thought she was with
Clara. Clara & I both thought her
with the nurse.

Sunday Dec. 13th -

I had a headache a little cold &
a little fever so took quinine & lay
about a part of the day - am much
better - have been quite busy since
Sunday school. This evening Dong Sun
was here to consult about the Phou

Living house etc.

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I went to Sunday School taking Anna. (Clara went to Swatons with the three young ladies + Dr. Scott) & Expected my time would be given up to her, but she behaved beautifully Edith Ashmun looked after her a little & the two little Carlin girls were there too - She looked a little picture with a white dress, little short black velvet jacket & knit cap, white - with a ribbon thereon - Cool weather brings back the roses to her cheeks & she is a very pretty child, paternal fondness aside - Dr. Ross took tiffin with us. She & Clara are both from Buffalo, one was originally a Methodist & now an Episcopalian. She also knew Clara's Cousin who is matron, I think, of a hospital in Detroit. The world is small after all.

Monday - Dec 14th -

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This morning I got the men at work on the baptismal pool which has needed cleaning for a long time. Dr. Ashmore proposed finishing it up in more attractive shape than it now is.

Mr. Ashmore & I went to look after a new boat & contracted for one like the C.P. Mission's new one for \$38 - Dr. Rose was at the dispensary this morning & took two hours with her teacher this afternoon. Po-Sau's wife is engaged to teach her for the present. She seems to like the situation & the prospects - was evidently much impressed by the service yesterday. The no. present & the interest manifested. Mr. Bradt

so expresses himself as greatly pleased with the Sunday School & with the service in Avator. Dr. A. had a large crowd fully 200 - & preached to them with great effect.

Our little Ella Urquhart is very ill - Clara & Miss Dunwiddie are down there. Mrs. Carlin has taken the second child for the night - We feel very thankful that our babies are so well - Anna is improving wonderfully.

Tuesday Dec 15th -

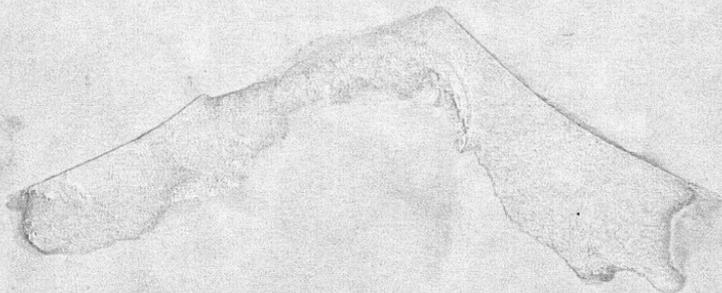
This morning at breakfast a boy came in said Ella was dying Mrs. Urquhart wanted Clara to go down - She went & I rec'd a note at 9-30 - saying

Ella had passed away. 82
I went down & helped somewhat
about getting the coffin, sending
around a notice of the funeral
& selecting a site in the cemetery.

Poor Mrs. Urquhart has borne
up bravely, but it is a terrible
blow for her - her husband was
here yesterday but left for Canton
for Hong-Kong in the afternoon. Dr. Pezay
telegraphed him this forenoon -
Miss Dunmiddy was with her
last night & will stay with
her again to-night.

Home mail to-day letters
from father, mother, Dr. Mandaok,
Mr. Coleman & John Cummings.
John has 3 babies! -
Dr. & Mrs. Ashmore with their families
Miss Scudder Dunmiddy all start off to-morrow.

Rev. J. M. Foster



My dear Mr Foster,

Very many thanks for
your important letter. I am having a
telegram prepared to send to the
Viceroy about the matter.

Yrs sincerely

O. H. S. (2/1)

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Wednesday Dec. 16th 83

The funeral was postponed because Mr. Urquhart did not come. This evening I hear that two ships are ashore outside Double Island. I fear he is on one of them - one is Butterfield Lewis - from Anoy evidently (& Mr. U. was in Anoy not H.K.); the other is Bradley & Co's "Tong Shan" ("Eastern Mountains") which went up to give aid & also ran on. This seems to be a troublesome time. The Carlin's baby has a very bad attack of croup & Dr. Scott feels quite anxious about it. We have no prayer-meeting to-night as our three families are the only ones left. Doctor Ashmore, wife Mr. A. Jr. & whole family also

Misses Scott & Sunniddie are off, ⁸⁴
started to-day.

I have a little head-cold, but
all the rest of us are well - Anna &
little John are getting plumper.
Mamma more rosy & more cunning every
day. She can take quite long walks
now. He is beginning to crow & laugh
& like attention very much more than
a week or two ago.

Thursday - Dec. 14th -

At breakfast a note came from -
Mrs Urquhart saying "My husband
has come, part of the way overland.
The "Yumman" has gone to pieces
on Greenland; funeral at 9 a.m."
We went down & saw Mr. U. a little
while before the service. He was
much agitated by the experiences.

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of yesterday - At 5 a.m. he
was on deck & noticed the first
Officer who was on the bridge, was
taking a strange course but he
did not know how Butterfield
Swiss worked their ships so did
not say anything, as there is
a course inside Green Island,
soon he saw breakers & rushed
forward, saying also to the first
Engineer that it was a dangerous
place. before he got to the bridge
the ship was pounding on the
rocks - The "Tong Shan" came
up to help get the men off.
but her engine must have gotten

out of order for she became ⁸⁶
unmanageable & they dropped
the anchors. But the sea was so
high & the wind so strong they dragged
down the two vessels near together
pounding on the rocks not many
yards from each other. Mr. Mon-
roe of Bradley Is was on their
"Long-Shan" & he with the officers
got ashore in their life-boat.

By five o'clock last evening the
men on the "Yunnan" must
across to the other ship by means
of a "rocket-line" - the line
after being sent across was
made fast some 25 or 30 ft
above deck, the masts being
still all right - then the peo-
ple were carried over in a
sort of basket one at a time.

The carrying is done by use 87
of a steam winch. Mr. Uoguhut
shakes very highly of the "Jummanis"

Captain: he put every man into
the basket himself & worked them
over, going by himself last of all -
He also got Mr. U. into the life-
boat. by a rope about his body
under his arms. So came ashore in
the little boat. The nurse says to-

night she heard that both
ships are gone to pieces. & Clara
heard from a Chinaman that
there were some lines lost among
the Chinese. I hope to get particu-
lars to-morrow.

There were only a few at the services
this morning: several more came but
there was delay & they could not wait.

Mr. MacLagan had been asked
 by Dr. Layng, partly at my suggestion
 to lead the services, tho it seems Mrs.
 W. had expected me to take them
 & especially requested that I be asked
 to offer prayer at the grave.
 Mr. M. read a few verses & offered a
 short prayer at the house & read from
 I Cor. XV. at the cemetery.

Dr. Corliss baby has been better
 to-day, tho he had another at-
 tack this P.M. Dr. C. says he
 stopped breathing fully a minute & a
 half; he took the baby shook him
 rubbed him & succeeded in getting
 artificial respiration started & he
 revived; several times after that
 he ceased breathing but not for
 so long a period. We have great
 reason to be thankful our two darlings are

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so well. Anna perpetrated a new
saying to-day - we had minced meat
on toast & also some slices of ~~can~~
roast beef cold. She had some of the
former but it did not quite suit
her & she began to point at the other
& say - "I want ~~shum~~ pretty meat. I
want ~~shum~~ pretty meat" - Evidently
she has an eye for "color" at break-
fast.

Friday Dec. 18th -

She seems also to inherit some
of her paternal grandfather's dis-
crimination in the use of words.
This morning her oatmeal was steam-
ing & something was said about its
being hot. then I said it was "pretty
warm"; she avowed it was "bô (not)
hot - pretty wâhm" -
Clara & I have been to Sevator.

I had a church matter to discuss - 90
cuss with Dra. Chhian. Money to
draw at Bradley's + Clara made
some calls. Mr. met at the
E.P. Mission Dr. Lyall's -

Mr. Deffus is going home
next week probably: he does
not find himself well enough
to remain: he suffered from a
severe colic in the autumn.

I am very sorry to hear that a
Mr. Gregory who went to Amoy
shortly after I came here has
become deranged - He assaulted
a mandarin, pulled his pigtail
& slapped his face, then ran away
for fear of the results: he tele-
graphed to several points for sol-
diers to come & protect the

Missionaries from the Ko-lan 91
Hue. Rev. Mr. McGregor goes home
with him: he (McGregor) has recently
lost his wife by cholera. This
has been truly a year of calamities.
There are various reports about
the wrecked steamers, but at Brodley's
Office they say the "Dongshan" is
a total wreck. The Chinese they
sent to salvor the cargo have
been looting the ships & the Chinese
passengers' luggage. Several sail-
ors have been brought up to
be imprisoned for stealing.

Saturday - Dec. 19th -

No news from the stranded vessels
to-day - there has been no wind
to speak of.

The day has been passed 92
quietly - I have not felt like do-
ing very much - my head seems
tired.

Sunday. Dec. 20th '91 -

Back from Tang Ai. Edward
Scott went with me at a
little after 7 o'clock this
morning. We went outside &
I got a view of the wrecks
It is a sad sight: the two ships
side by side with sterns up
on the rocks - I do not believe
there can be any hope of the "Pong-
Shan" -

Several of the Tang Ai crew
were off diving at the wreck.
Still we had a fair congrega-
tion & good services -

They have whitewashed the chapel newly & it is in better condition than I ever saw it before.

The half hour before Communion was an unusually good one, a number of confessions & requests for prayer, with some thanks giving that all seemed genuine & hearty.

We called on the Urquharts after my return. He goes away to-morrow.

Their house seems very lonely now.

Monday - Dec 21st -

I am hearing the students class recite every morning. They are in Exodus - so very well indeed. I have also been overseeing work on the baptismal pool. Having a place dug deeper than

the rest of the whole bottom 94
Covered with stones laid in mortar.
Scrap-stones can be gotten from
the quarry not far away - The
water is coming in very clear
now. Tuesday Dec. 22nd.

The great "Tang-Choih" - "Feast
of the Winter Solstice" to-day -
no boats running to Swatow.

I have been busy on my books
most of the day - The quatrno.

of pairs etc. made a rather
complicated lot of accounts
& I did not get them straight
lined out before going to the
country - Ling Heng is back
& reports all peaceful at

Kan. Trâm & Phou. Lông. 95
The King a-Ngiah has entirely
ceased his wrangling about that
matter. They have also had
good opportunities for preaching.

The Phou. Lông Magistrate had
issued a proclamation declaring
the reports of poisoning false.

We hear that our folks
who went to the Country are
stranded above Bue-Khai
no water so they cannot get
down at present.

Drs. Scott & Mass with Mr. S.
were over this evening & we
had a very pleasant evening.

Monday Dec 23 -
The 3 boats from the Country are
all back. Came by way of the crew.

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year from
John Clara & the
Love Grandchildren

9-35 P. M.

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Mr. Brodt surprized us at supper-
time - he will stay down until after
Communion - We had letters
from the Campbells & some Christ-
mas remembrances - We had prayer-
meeting here as Dr. Carlin's children
are quite ill the two girls having fever,
they could not have the meeting in
turn; We go in alphabetical order
now. Thursday Dec. 24th -

Went to Swatow with Mr. B. to do
some errands & also went to the
Chinese dentist who is here from
Hong-Kong & made an appointment for
to-morrow morning.

Returning I found the mail
per "Gaelic" - very glad to get letters
from father & mother - So it
seems there was a streak of Roman

blood in our family before the 9th -
present relation was formed. Mother's
trip to Boston must have been a
most enjoyable one.

Clara had sad news that her
brother Ben's little daughter Lu-
cy died last month after a short
but painful sickness - 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ old -

Dr. Carlin's little ones are all
housed yet & the two girls still
have fever: a little better to-
night they think.

Mrs. Hill kindly provided a
Christmas party for the children
of the post. Anna was down with
the nurse & Clara was there a little
time - a Japanese doll, a flag +
several other trinkets were given our
babies - Anna was trotting about
saying "Dis dolly can take home

did dolly can take home? 98

She appeared at supper time at the nursery door saying "Kitty ni ho" ("not good") eat dolly! - & then began to drive the cat away most vigorously, evidently thinking her doll in danger.

Little John is a well-behaved little chap & was good all the time the rest were away. Dr. Ross exclaims every time she sees him over his being such a big boy.

Dr. Ashmun was in talking over mission matters this evening. Mrs. A. & Mrs. A. Jr. were here helping decorate a small Christmas tree.

The Chinese boys have decorated the dining room hall very prettily with banyan tree twigs & other green.

Friday Dec. 25th -

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A pleasant Christmas day -
I went to Swatow at 8-30 A.M.
& sat in the dentists chair
two hours but he did not
hurt me much. We took
tiffin at Dr. Scotts had a social
hour there - Miss Dumviddie
was not well. got cold at the
dentists & was hoarse all day.
Anna, too, was hoarse: it had
been a great day for her. She had
a fine dolls bedstead & chair
made by Ji-tin that are
really excellent pieces of fur-
niture. & delight the little
girls heart greatly. The bed
is 20 inches long & of hard wood
has high posts & frame for
a mosquito net, has a cover

bottom & adjustable rails ¹⁰⁰
at the side like a crib.

At 3-30 that P. M. all the
mission, excepting the Carlins,
began to come over. Mrs. Torguhat
also came & we had a jolly time
taking the things off the little
tree. Most of the gifts were
little things bro't by Mrs. Ashmun
from Japan. Every-body was remem-
bered. Anna was in high
feather & trotted about with
her gifts - at first she was inclined
to want everything that came off
the tree, but did not make any
trouble as soon as she dis-
covered the plan of action.
This evening after Chinese prayer

meeting we went to Dr. Scott's 101
& sang, talked & enjoyed a
very social evening.

The only drawback has been
the illness of the Curtin children.
They are quite anxious about
little Ellen.

11 P.M. Saturday Dec 26 -

They are still very anxious about
her tonight Dr. Ross is with them.

I am sitting up to get a sermon
ready for to-morrow - had a

request that P.M. to take
the service to-morrow from

Mr. Hill - Sunday Dec. 28th

Preached from Heb. III: 23 - "The
Church of the future" (i.e. eternal future)

"The general assembly" is a
 great representative gathering (παράσις)
 such as those at the Olympic Games.
 The "Church of the firstborn" is a
 Hebrew allusion. The firstborn were
 the first-blessed, the family
 line was reckoned through them,
 & a double portion of the inheri-
 tance ^{was theirs} but the deeper significance
 is seen in Ex. XII & XIII - the
 Church of the firstborn is the
 Church of the Redeemed &
 I Cor. 5:7 & I Peter 1:19-20 -

This is not a popular
 doctrine but it is truth &
 needed - The firstborn for whom
 shed his brother's blood & whom
 has written human history in
 his brother's blood: a blood-

stained race demands a blood - 103
bought redemption -

This thought was developed somewhat & the point maintained that the church viewed as the aggregate of all the saved is not any Hierarchy, State, so-called sect denomination or brotherhood, but the redeemed, who like Abel "by faith" rely on the sacrifice acceptable to God.

Pious parents, rites of the Church, attendance on services, no human acts can give one a place therein, reliance on the appointed sacrifice is the essential element.

At Christmas time my rejoice over the Saviors birth, but we should remember that he not only was born in Bethlehem, but

also died on Calvary.

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I used also an incident E. A. Davis told me of 3 men who saved themselves on a hatch: they were Christians & prayed. The morning star rose & the Capt. said, "There is the star in the East. Let us see what it will bring to us." Soon a vessel was in sight which proved to be the "Star of the East" which carried them -

I did not have as much freedom & pleasure in preaching as I sometimes do & felt rather dissatisfied. But several spoke to me of enjoying the sermon.

We had a large Sunday School in the afternoon.

Monday Dec. 28th 105

Much of the day has been taken up in settling accounts with the brethren & inquiring about matters in the country.

A-Doan says that in Hui-Lai district at E. Ai he met a man who had listened to the preaching below who said he did not believe the bad reports about foreigners. This nephew, I think it was, came in & said he had a room the preachers could use when they came down tho' he did not dare rent it openly, which is just what we want.

Little Ellen Carlin is a triple Euciser to-day tho' not at all happy.

I hear that the Tān-Tai¹⁰⁶
has been issuing proclama-
tions reviving his crusade
against the Buddhist nuns
also against Admiral Hong's
family. It is said he made
a feast in honor of the deceased
warrior & then read a letter
abusing him roundly for having
transgressed his authority &
while doing a great deal of good
in quieting the district yet mag-
nifying many small offenses &
making money out of such trans-
actions. Tuesday Dec. 29th.

The Carlin children are still
quite ill - & poor little Ellen's
trouble capillary bronchitis is

invading the other living now - 107
Miss Dunmidge is there to-night.

The usual four services have
been well-attended, Dr. Ashmun
called for a review of Hebrews
this forenoon & the men remember-
ed quite a little. The Students
passed an excellent examination.

Thursday Dec 30th.

Rainy - I have not felt quite
well so stayed in during the
afternoon & looked over some let-
ters. The meetings are well attended
& interesting. Dr. A. conducted an
Exercise on the Sabbath at 10 A.M.
Ellen Corbin is about the same.
Our babies are quite well & growing finely.

Thursday - Dec 31st. 11 P.M. 108

The last night of the year & I am almost seeing it out. I have been posting & proving my missionary accounts so as to have them ready to show the others to-morrow when we decide about the coming 9 mos. work.

We called at Dr. Carlin's after supper a moment. ~~after supper~~ - They have no hope of Ellen. She is feverish by turns; pulse very irregular; throat & bronchial tubes stopped up. & her feet & stomach swelled, also her face & hands somewhat. He seems calmer than on Sunday, but is much worn; it is a sad ending of the year for them.

We have great reason to be thankful ¹⁰⁹
that after a year so trying as
this has in many respects been
we are well the babies well
& our home yet safe despite
storms & riots.

I have often in mind that
prayer in the 71st Ps. "Be thou
my strong habitation whereunto I
may continually resort." -

Friday Jan 1st 1892 -

"A Happy New Year" to all readers
of this journal -

It has been rainy to-day
so we have made no calls &
rec'd none. Little Ellen still
remains about the same but
the doctors think she is failing.

Mrs. Ashmore Jr. is to be ¹¹⁰
there to-night. Dr. A. V. M. Jr.
has been here this evening
deciding about the preachers,
who shall be under each one's
surveillance.

Saturday Jan 4th 1892

A great many interruptions during the
day. I have kept busy about our thing
and another. The business meeting
this P. M. was shorter than usual.
16 applicants for baptism -

I rec'd a note from Mrs. Hill asking if
I would take the service to-morrow
but declined. This evening I had to
see the preachers to-morrow, want
to be at the services here.

Little Ellen has seemed so much
better to-day than has almost been
found for some -

Sunday Jan'y 3rd -

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Good services to-day - at 7 a.m.
Lectures on the Resurrection - at 10.
A number of obituary notices were
given especially noting the proofs of
a sustaining hope. Dr. A. preached
as good a sermon as I have ever
heard in Chinese, perhaps the best.
from the rewards promised to them
that 'over come' (Rev. I-III)

The Chinese at New Year put
up 5 bits of paper over the lintel
wishing "the 5 blessings" -

"Years, wealth, position, posterity
sound-mind & body" - He compared

this with the 'ten blessings
promised to them that overcome

"Treat of the tree of life" - 2 "The
Hidden Treasure" - 3 "The White Stone"

4. "power over the nations". 112
5. "The morning star". 6. "White rai-
ment". 7. "I will confess his name
before my father". 8. "make him
a pillar". 9. "write upon him the
name of my God". 10. "to sit
upon my throne". It was an ef-
fective contrast.

I am now baptized - & a larger no.
present at Communion. Mr. Brodt
& Miss Dr. Ross both spoke briefly
& sensibly thro' Dr. A. as an inter-
preter. This evening has been
given to lanterns with the
preachers. Little Ellen does
not change much but she
does not seem to be much holier.

Monday June 4th. 113

This P.M. Clara was at the Carlin's two hours & Miss Dunwiddie until 6-45. Dr. Scott says if the child continues as well to-morrow she shall begin to hoke. No our watches with them to-night.

This day has been much broken up. began before breakfast by men coming after books & this evening two come to confer about the Quarterly. I have accomplished a little in the way of accts & reports.

Dr. Carlin is beginning to arrange for taking over the Jian Phing field.

Tuesday June 5-

We have been at Mr. Ashmun's, our old home, & taken tea with them, Dr. Miss. A. & Mr. Brodt, a very pleasant company.

We had a prayer-meeting 114
then also, a Union-meeting, this
P.M. Dr. Scott felt this morning
that Ellen Carlin might get
up, but this evening does not
feel so cheerful. the child is
as prostrated.

Monday Jan'y 6th -

Mail to-day per "China" - good
letters from Mother & Mother. it
was very nice to get news of
the home Thanksgiving - it would
have been very delightful to be
there - Mother's Boston items
interested us very much. I had
a letter from Van Kirk's

They lost their baby last summer.
I am sorry to hear. His church is
prospering - 45 baptized last year &

100 of advance in benevolence, ¹¹⁵
He still wants to go to the foreign
field. I heard too, from P. V. Coult
ins who is at Fond du Lac Wis.
also from A. J. Sloper New Britain,
his class in S. School just 65 toward
the hardware for the new house,
he wrote a good letter -
Van-Kirk, too, wrote that the
"Baby Organ" Dr. Ross brought
out is a gift from Mrs. Warren
of Detroit, wife of one of the firm
who make them.

Thursday July 7th

Afloat again, now up above
Phan-Thai. We left at 3:15 A.M.
I had a splendid run with a fresh
East wind little sea. I had a
very busy day getting ready, was tired
& took a nap before supper

Anna & little John are quite ¹¹⁶
well tho' he seems to have a little
cold in his head; he is still plump
& bright. laughs & roars & likes
company. tho' he sleeps well.
Poor Anna has taken a grata-
version to her daily nap. will not
sleep in the forenoon if she can
help it. so she was sleeping when
I came away. She is very plump
& growing fast, really is making
great progress in talking; her en-
unciation is much more distinct.
We are having a long tussle to
make her say "please". She does
not like to say it. She is quite
fond of the Ashmun children
Edith & Frank & they of her.
Little Ellen was now comfortable to-day
but very weak.

Mr. Strick sent me a copy ¹¹⁷
of a recent proclamation by
the Chao-Yang magistrate ordered
by the Pao-Pai. I did not
have time to read it with a
teacher but Mr. Bradt tells
me Mr. S. considers it a val-
uable document as it discred-
its the false rumors and says
they must stop. The magistrate
is probably to be removed.

Friday evening June 8th
Father's birthday. He must
be absent at his morning reci-
tation. I should like to be there.
Just three ~~scow~~ ^{ster}, a goodly
agr. may it be increased by
many useful happy years.

We have travelled as far as ¹¹⁸
Gi-lou-thai & expect to take boat
for Soa-Cu in the morning.

I have been resting much of
the day. Do not feel like
hard work. We had a pleas-
ant talk about things at home.

Mrs Brodt was at Shurtleff
& knew Cousin Mary & Mr Dodge
very well.

This morning after breakfast
we visited a sugar mill
& I had some good oppor-
tunities to talk, particularly with
one man 55 yrs. old.

It is quite cold - but no
mind as we are not uncom-
fortable -

The boat in which John + Mr Brod
went up for about 60 miles of the journey
is back with this journal. He has to take
a small native boat + chairs for the
rest of the way. Sunday he expected
to spend at our Chapel at ~~Buenos~~
Sura. On the three or four days beyond
that they hope to reach Marung. His appa-
rently has long wanted to get to see, as
it is likely to be the headquarters of ^{the}
Hakka mission. Mr Campbell has had
a hard time trying to get a foothold
up there. His work thus far has all been
real pioneer work - constantly without
any incentives. It has been discour-
aging often.

Anna has again been protesting vigor-
ously, "Mama, Anna no go sheep bed,
will go sheep chair" - but she is sleeping
sweetly. ^{in bed} Our boy "Jay" is in my arms while
writing this. He slept from 8 - 1 P.M. & now
ready for another nap. A month from today
Anna will be 2 yrs old. I want to have a little
party for her that day. Clara

Saturday Jan'y 9th -

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We took boat after breakfast
had a pleasant trip to "Loa" Ou-

In the evening we had an excel-
lent prayer meeting, a goodly num-
ber gave thanks for the year's
mercies. Three men were

Examined for baptism. Two
69 yrs old & a bro. of our 5-3 yrs old

Sunday Jan'y 10th

Three men came forward:
a man of 61, & a woman of
63 were rec'd with the other
three, but the sixth, a man
of 44, was urged to wait.
The Chinese did not want

to offend him & it was 120
some time before they were
willing to speak plainly: after
a while the sr. deacon spoke
his mind & the bro. yielded
gracefully: no vote was taken.

The baptism was a pleasant
service: a large crowd was
on the bank & there was some
laughing among small boys,
yet no more than I have
seen among French boys at
home. The stream is close by
the chapel & a good place.

I had not brought any wine
for Communion & they seemed
anxious where it so they
bought some raisins which
the cook steeped: also some

Chinese red liquor of which 121
I used about two large spoon-
fuls to relieve the insipidity - some
mulberry preserve gave it a
rich color & though not the
best way of making Communi-
on wine its foundation was
from grapes & its color was
the same as what was generally
used. Our resources are often
taxed unexpectedly.

Monday Jan 9th -

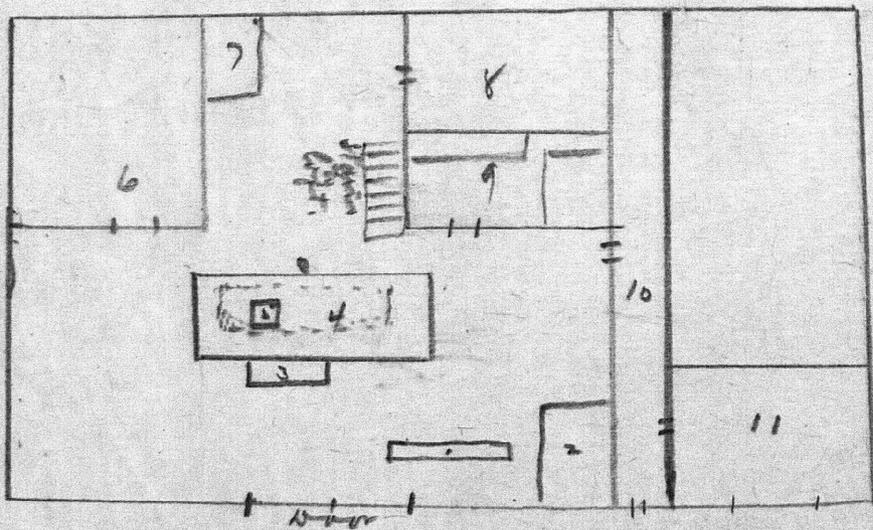
At the E. P. Chapel Tung-Ke
the head of navigation; we
hoped to get chairs & board
beams so as to pass on to
point 7 miles from here
but could not get them.

All are engaged for to - 122
morrow & we hope for an early
start. I have done a little writing
to-day. We are favored with
perfect weather. & are enjoying
the trip. Tuesday Jan 7 1924

In a local officials room
next a Chinese inn (between
Hong Ke & Si Khe⁷ on the
road above Ka-Ying. The building
is on a hill surrounded by higher
hills beyond. The official is a
local administrator of difficulties that
occur among the residents or passing
travellers. He was quite inclined to be
hospitable & took us in to his room
gave us tea & cakes. Mr. B. promised
his tea & he came in after sup.

per with a canister of the same ¹²³
 tea as a present which he insisted
 on our taking. I could not think of
 anything else so got out a can of
 Salmon which he accepted with
 misgiving. His manner is quite
 friendly.

The inn is a house made of earth
 bricks sundried with a tile roof.
 This is



- 1 - Chinese Table & Chair
 - 2 - Bed for smoking opium
 - 3 - Place for boiling rice - wood fire
 - 4 - Sunken place in floor
 - 5 - Receptacle for dirty water 3 or 3 ft deep
 - 6 - Office
 - 7 - Bed - 8 - Room 9 - Our room
 - 10 - passage 11 - Official room
- outlet lines shown in roof.

I got a wash-dish full 124
of water placed where there is a
dot on the diagram near to the sink-
in floor. Mr. Bradt suddenly en-
tered the scene by stepping down,
slipping on a wet stone & going knee
deep with one leg into the con-
venient but unsanitary well of
Kitchen refuse water. He "righted"
& climbed up with wonderful prompt-
ness for a man of over 200 lbs
but was in a sorry plight -
supper was delayed some mo-
ments while he changed so far
as his limited stock of available
clothing would admit. I had a
very heavy suit of blue flannel
underwear of which a pair
served him in lieu of trousers:
they were in color a perfect
match for his coat & vest.

For a call in a parlor at 125
home his appearance would
have provoked some criticism
but in the Chinaman's apart-
ment nothing was remarked as
he sat with him after supper.

7:10 P.M. Wednesday July 12th

On a Huk-Ka boat going to
wards Ha-Ying, sitting on the
floor wrapped in a wadded
Chinese gown of Mr. Campbell's
writing on my trunk by the light
of a Kerosene lantern. Mr. Brod-
is on the right reading the "Buffa-
lo Express". He tells me he was

well acquainted with Rev. Mr. J.
Kelley, held meetings with him
in Minnesota, speaks highly
of his work out there.
He also knew a Bowler family

who perhaps was related to 126

J.R.B. He says there was
an old lady by the name of
Day, ^{he knew out there} who came from Danversville.

Another thing interested me much.
He heard that remark which al-
ways afforded me much amusement
regarding the proposed new church-
his a church wanted - "If ye
got on then aint any one could
play on it". It was made by
a neighbor of theirs in Minne-
sota, our Uncle Kelley, quite a
character who sometimes said
when chairman at a debate.

"I must give my vote for the
infirmary". Once, after a heavy
storm had blown the earth off
the recently planted wheatfields
he was asked how the fields

& the young wheat looked, he ¹²⁷
answered "Dreadful bad, some of it
just clinging on by a few little
vipers" (fibres).

I fear I laughed more over Bro.
B.'s little adventure than at any
of all the above "amusing" remarks.

This morning, however he came out
remarkably well having judiciously
cleansed & dried his belongings over
night.

We had a good trip to the
river reaching it a little after noon.
It is a wild mountainous country
between the rivers. The road
looks as if the river rose a little
way beyond Shung Ke, but in fact
flows it up between high hills
through rocky gorges & along steep
cliffs from 9 o'clock yesterday

forenoon till nearly four o'clock, & in the afternoon when a long climb took us over the divide: we made about 24 miles during the whole day. Mr. B. had 3 men for his chain pretty stout snowshoed ones but I had two poor opium-smoking mooks who wobbled not a little & kept me in uneasiness: we were much of the time going up or down slow steps on the mountain side when a misstep might have sent me down hundreds of feet. Happily we were brought safely through, we had a hard time getting a boat & settling up here paid a high price at that. Stipulating that we have the boat to ourselves: after we got on board

We found the thrifty "lord of '29-
the boat" had six smiling pas-
sengers all ready to accompany
us. I told him he must have
them take another boat or deduct
their fare from our contract price.
He finally concluded I meant it
& the men left. After sundown
the boat set out but soon stopped
after much jibbering another
boat a sort of barger came along
side so we came down double.

Thursday Jan'y 14th -

At Mr. Campbell's house Ka Ying -
It was cold on the boat but we
kept fairly comfortable. I slept
a good share of the night. Tho' was
wakened several times. The boatman
at the bow sang ballads by snatch-
es so frequently I addressed a

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few remarks to him in my
"native" tongue the musical *Pi*
Chin, which he did not fully un-
derstand as said "Ha"². A-kai
the young preacher heard said
"A-ko mio show-ko" - "Brother,
don't sing ballads" & he confined
himself to understand.

Just before sunrise the Captain
said "We are at Ka-yin" - I looked
out to see my men in the middle
of the river & the Consort moved
by the bank. By vigorous protest
we succeeded in getting ashore
on the Consort - though the men
wanted to stop at every landing
as to give the women who wanted
to carry our baggage a job - as it
was a lot of them crowded on board
& secured the luggage with true
hacker's like enterprise.
We are thankful to be here all safe.

Jan 22 - 92 -
I was greatly relieved & delighted
to get a letter from John last night with
this journal - & fortunately there is another
steamer to Hongkong today, so it will
meet the "Belgic" going out tomorrow
& you will get it, I trust.

John said he decided to stay at
Kia Ing over Sunday & start back on
Monday. I have been looking for him
& do so hope he will get in today.

Miss Dunciddie got back this A.M.

Mr Ashman came over yesterday
afternoon & took the Boy's photo &
will send it with next mail.
It is not yet printed.

John's letter was a week on the
way. He expected to get down in
3 or 4 days, but today is the 5th
day. There has been much wind that
would be unfavorable.

With love
Clara
Wang

9-15 P. M.

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We walked out to the Basle Mission house after dinner & had a cordial reception from Mr. & Mrs. Dilger, Mr. Voergthing & a Mr. Schultze the pioneer missionary of this field who has been out 11 years & is going home soon. He has charge of 3 Congregations ^{at Cheong-Tsien} numbering over 390 - the outgrowth of the work of four men who at first only knew the epistle to the Romans which was expounded to him in Hong Kong. Before any missionary had come to his village over 40 had believed in his presentation of the truth -

~~We also went to.~~

We also went out and looked at a piece of ground which is to be bought for \$1700 - or possi-

ply for \$1,000 - It is a good ¹³²
building site & the "Fung Shui"
is said to be remarkable.

Friday. Jan'y. 15th -

We stayed in during the forenoon &
I got a letter written besides
some sundry matters.

After a lunch at noon we
set out for the "Lim-Vok". (House
of the Lim family) a long walk
part of the way through crowded
streets & a part through the fields.

This is a busy city the heart
of Hok-Ka dom. There are a great
many literary men & probably
half the men have been abroad:
a very large number have made
money in the Straits, Settlements,
India, Burma, Sandwich Islands or A-
merica.

The work of carrying burdens is

is done by women. I find '33
the city has not a very savory
reputation.

This house Mr. C. has not
a very good prospect of hold-
ing, as the chief men of the ward
are determined that foreigners shall
not get an entrance there. In the
ward (the city is divided into 10
wards) where the Germans are,
they say the Jung-Shui is spoil-
ed any way; there are but two
literary graduates in the whole
ward.

To prevent any such ma-
lign influence blighting their
fair region they informed the land-
lord of this house that if he did
let in the foreigners they would
bring action against him for kid-
napping women & children, which
is commonly known to be a feeble

of his. The penalty is death¹³⁴
& the destruction of his house
too I have been told - I do not
like the house or its surround-
ings very much.

Mr. had a very pleasant visit
at Mr. Dilgins & a good dinner,
the dishes a bit German but
excellent. He was most inter-
esting in telling us his experi-
ences in the matter of Fung-
Shui. He bought a house for
\$1000 - that cost \$8000 because
it was thought to be bad, then
he opened a door to the South,
soon a son was born to them
the Chinese said the Fung Shui
was all right that door open
toward the South was just what
was needed - "These foreigners pretend
not to believe in Fung Shui, but see

they understand it."

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He bought a place for \$20. on a side hill, with a mountain on either side & a stream ~~within~~ a little distance away then built a house facing our mountain & as we looked out upon the water as it approached. He was afterwards offered \$1000. for it by a Chinaman -

"The Prince of the Power of the air" is Sovereign here as yet. Saturday, January 16/92.

We made a tour through the city itself this morning: almost all the business streets are without the walls. We visited two interesting temples, one only 4 yrs old quite new & finely decorated. Some signs of civilization, a Kerosene lamp, foreign wine glasses to

held offerings of whiskey & a 136
bottle of Candy put up by
J. P. Morton of London. who by
the way is a Presbyterian & friend
of missions - It was really quite
pathetic to see some of the
inscriptions hung up on the
walls. "U Khin pit eing"
"Gwan ^(then being) prayer certainly fulfilment"
(Akroy shall receive) - Also
"Sin un pi-po": "God's
grace overshadows - helps"
They truly have the "living of heav
en", & assuredly they serve the
devil. We visited the Prefect's
Yamen & saw several criminals
with chains about neck & ankles
& a stone as large as a coconut
or larger attached. One was selling

small wares spread out on the ¹³⁷
pariment. Four was making a
fish-net. They make pretty

seals for stamping letters & bills.

I bought two for a hundred cash
(10¢) they are cut in stone

& very pretty. I also bought

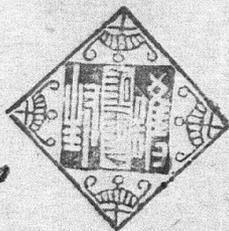
several samples of locks &

catchers. I want to get

from time to time articles

that will be of interest to

friends at home if I ever am
privileged to take anything there.



In the afternoon we crossed the
river & walked out on the st great
plain that stretches away for leagues
toward the distant hills. There
are houses & groups of houses
scattered all about - one of which
is said to have cost 40,000 - or 50,000.

It was built by a man who ¹³⁸
made his money here, an unusual
case. The fields are largely plant-
ed with wheat, which is now
fast & firm: we passed a mill
where wheat was being ground
by a cow, the "power" being similar
to a cider-mill. The flour
was white & fine as "Dillenburgs best."

We were surprised when a man
salute us with "Good evening".
He had been to Calcutta & spoke
English unusually well.

Thursday I met a man at the
German Mission who was at Hono-
lulu some years, became a Christian
there, now a much trusted assistant
here in the Basle-Mission work:
He speaks English quite well.
Another of their men called in the
evening a Dr. pupil of Dr. Ryalls, he speaks German.

Sunday Jan'y 17th 139

We had a short service here to-day. A-Kai expounded a part of the first chapter of Mark's Gospel.

The boatman we engaged yesterday came just as we were ready to say that an official had levied on his boat to start to Swatow to-day.

The man had beaten the "lord" of another boat down from 500 to 200 cash, but the boat left early; then "full of wrath & cabbage" he went to the Yamen for papers to levy on some other boat. I sent my card so he might have proof that the boat was really engaged.

The boatmen do not court the honor of carrying officials because these dignitaries pay only as much as they please.

Monday Jan 18th - 140

Safely on board & moving down stream towards Sam-Ho-Pa. We learned yesterday afternoon that the boat question was settled in our favor.

Mr. Selger & Mr. Vongtling were in during the afternoon. They have a very poor opinion of Chinese morals. They say the trouble between two clans near where we took boat last week (about where the roads - "Bue-Kang" are on the map) has been settled, 8 men executed - 3 or 4 beheaded & the rest crucified.

The quarrel began at a gambling house about 30 cash (less than 3¢) which the proprietor belonging to the Páng clan, refused to pay a man of the Lan or Lo clan; each called his clan-men to help him & the fight waxed hotter & hotter; our side looted a

pawn shop & the other destroyed 141
an Ancestral Hall. The Mandarin
could do nothing, was himself
besieged when he smothered. He issued
a proclamation against the Län family
& they put out a manifesto against him.
The T'ai-Pai had 500 soldiers there
Now the case is settled - about 40
men had previously been killed in
the course of the feud. The gentle ce-
lestial when roused is a man of blood.
We saw on our way to visit some camp
near the river, a gran with apparatus
by a large no. of bodies buried all
around the chair-like tombstones.
The men told they were bodies of
men executed by the T'ai Ping rebels.
Not identified, so buried thus.
This is a beautiful country man
passing through high green hills
on either side the river

7-35 P.M. - noon at P'a-Tsung
about 1/3 the way to San Ho-Pa

Tuesday night Jan. 19/92 ¹⁴²

3 miles above Sam-Ho-Pa.
We have been traveling all day
save an hour or more when we
got off at Tshong Khen, which
is a busy market-town; streets
strewed as crowded as a home
city just before the holidays.
We visited the inn where Mr.
Campbell lived much of the
time winter before last, a
dusty, cobwebbed place. There
is a fine pagoda about a
mile below on a hill at the
ford where the river turns out of
the Tshong-Khen basin & enters
the winding gorge through which
between high hills it runs
its way to join the Upper Han
at Sam Ho-Pa. The scenery is
fine. One high mountain

further back from the river
stands out in bold relief
& is a rugged height. It is
called Jim Na San. The Chi-
nese have a couplet comparing it
with another high mt. in Tung
Shun district. They say

"Hie Chui chim Tong Ku Chan.
"Hie Si Jim Na San"
Water bathing Tong Ku Chan
Fire burning Jim Na San

When one is under water then
the other will still rise so high that
fire will burn upon its summit.
We passed a ruined house about
which there hangs a tale of a
man who "gained 300 lbs in one
night." His name was "Shui" San
He had become so poor that
when he bought a bit of pork
for his New Year dinner on credit
the butcher wheeled & went & took

it away tho' it was already 144
cooking. He called the old man
"Sam - Hin Kheu" ("Three-pound-dog")

Before the next morning the main
sun came back from abroad very
rich & the news at once spread,
so when the old man appeared
on the street in the morning he
was addressed as "Sam - Pak"
"Uncle Three" - but the sound is
the same as Sam - pak, 300.
"Ah," said he, "I have gained to
300 pounds in our night."

Wednesday evening July 20th -

Four miles from Ho - Pi -

This morning we breakfasted at Sam -
Ho - Pa & made a trip through the
town with a lot of Calendars in
our hands - sold over 250 - walk-
ed out beyond the "city limits"

I took a trip across the river 45-
climbed the hill & viewed the
city & the grand basin in which
it lies. I am more & more con-
vinced that it is a great strategic
point. Mr. Campbell had some
trouble getting a boat: our steers-
man & "boat-lead" brought
in a man quite early & he was
ready to take them up for \$12 -
more than twice what I pay for
going from Kia jing to Swatow!

Finally, with the privilege of taking
on a small load of salt in the
hold, decks clear, they came
down to \$5 - guaranteeing to go in
4 days. They always try to
take salt up from Swatow
so as to have the Chinese

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Customs on the ground they are
talking foreign passengers & have
no freight: the salt duty is heavy
& they try to dodge in every way.

Mr. C. says in Kiangsi Province the
inspectors are very careful: he was on a
boat when they found a small bag
or two the men around was for
their cooking. But took it amid
their maledictions. After the

Excisemen left looks of satis-
faction brightened the faces of all
on board: a pleasant, well dressed
old party who was reclining on
his pile of bedding apparently, over
which he had carelessly thrown
his blanket, who had been es-
pecially polite to the inspectors
offering his pipe & showing all

the civilities of Chinese etiquette, 147
got up & removing his blanket dis-
played a smug pile of well filled
salt bags. My steersman put
on ten tubs of beef-blood at
Tshong-Khen against my command.
I told him I should not pay him
the bal. of furdur him if
he tried to run that through
under false pretences. So I may
have trouble either at Chao-
chow-Tu or Swatow. The
blood is sold to dyers & am
told & there is a considerable
duty upon it.

They have innumerable tricks
in reserve. Mr. Campbell's boy made
the bargain & was not very careful.